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1. LIN Piao is seriously ill and is unable to discharge his duties as Chairman of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee. MAO Tse-tung wishes to replace him with TUNG Pi-wu.* LIN's Commissar, TENG Tzu-hui (鄧子恢), will yield to this arrangement only if MAO insists.
2. That LIN has sent his troops into North Korea is an indication that he has swung over to the pro-Soviet group of the Chinese Communist Party.**
3. Elements of the 3 Field Army which were sent into Manchuria and North Korea with the 4 Field Army are not sufficient to control the activities of LIN and his 4 Field Army.***

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[REDACTED] Comment. LIN Piao has been reported as traveling between the Indochina border and the Korean border, to be in command of troops on those borders, and to have taken part in most military conferences of Communist leaders in Peiping and other cities, all during the period from August to November. [REDACTED]

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The informant of paragraph one is of the opinion that MAO Tse-tung, by planning to replace LIN Piao, is attempting to gain firmer control of the situation, which is now dominated by the pro-Soviet group of the Party.

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[REDACTED] Comment. CHANG Shih-chao, a member of the Chinese Communist Government, while visiting in Hong Kong stated that MAO is deeply concerned with the independence of leaders of some administrative regions.

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[REDACTED] Comment. CHANG Fa-kuei, former Kwangtung leader under Nationalist and previous governments, now in retirement in Hong Kong, but a potential leader in any third party movement, stated recently that though both MAO and CHOU En-lai objected strongly to sending troops to Korea and did not want to see their Communist Government officially back of the war,

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they both privately hoped that LIN's army would become involved and be cut to pieces, so as to get him and his army out of the way.

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Comment. MAO is helpless to control LIN's swing to the pro-Soviet side of the Party. It is rumored that LIN may soon replace CHU Te.

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Comment. states that MAO and Marshal Voroshilov, who was on a visit to Peiping late in October, disagreed on the disposition of the 3 and 4 Field Armies.

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